

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, October 19, 2025

OUR MISSION

Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.

Praise God that we can worship together! We pray you will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in the faith that trusts in our Lord Jesus Christ and praises him for the gift of our salvation. Peace be with you.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so happy you've joined us today. If you have any questions about our service or facilities, please reach out to an usher. If you are a guest please fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

The children will be invited up front during the children's message – please feel free to join us!

All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, come with your hands folded.

If you are looking for a church home, know you are always welcome here.

Please note: In order to conserve paper we are eliminating printing the whole service.

You can use the RED HYMNAL for the following
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE BY KAREN WELTZIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

GATHERING SONG *When Long before Time* (ELW 861) vs.1-3

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 140) THIS IS THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's

hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; R**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²

proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)

CREED (ELW P.105)

PRAYER SONG ELW # 814

THE PRAYERS

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE (ELW p.143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #182)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW P.144)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

LORD’S PRAYER (ELW P.145)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *When Long before Time* (ELW 861) VS. 4-6

POSTLUDE: KAREN WELTZIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendel, Gene, Shirley, Jeanne , Bill , Sharon, Debbie and Marie

Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office-secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org

All Saints Sunda November 2nd

If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one during worship, please submit their name to Secretary Chris or put a note in the offering plate by October 29th.

Peanut Butter Drive – Helping Local Students

We’re collecting peanut butter for the Jesup School Backpack Food Program to help students have nutritious food over the weekends. Place donations in the lower narthex collection bin anytime — this is an ongoing effort. Let’s fill those backpacks with love, one jar at a time!

Charitable Giving Through Your IRA

If you’re 70½ or older, you can make tax-free charitable gifts (up to \$108,000/year) directly from your IRA. For those 73+, these gifts also count toward your required minimum distribution. Contributions must go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity—American Lutheran Church qualifies. Talk with your IRA custodian, tax advisor, or our Financial Secretary, Mike Waring, for details.

Soles4Souls Update: We’re excited to share that we’ve shipped our first 1,000 pairs of shoes! The drive continues until **August 2026**, so keep those donations coming. Thank you for helping us make a difference — one pair at a time!

Join us for Cottage Meetings! Sign up sheet at the back of the church

In October and November the Council will be conducting cottage meetings to gather your feedback and listen to your needs. Each of these meetings will be small, open discussions about your needs, what you're currently getting from our church, and what you hope to see us grow into. You only need to join us for one meeting from the dates below. Please sign up for a meeting on the sign up sheet at the back of the church, by calling at (319-827-6626), or by emailing Chris at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but would like to provide your thoughts, please reach out to a Council member. We look forward to hearing your voice about the future of ALC!

All meetings will be held at the church on the following dates:

- o Sunday, October 19, 2025 @ 10:30 AM
- o Wednesday, October 22, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
- o Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
- o Wednesday, October 29, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
- o Sunday, November 2, 2025 @ 10:30 AM
- o Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
- o Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Thank you for your donation of \$100 and 15lbs of food to the Independence Food Pantry it makes a huge difference!

Thank you all very much for allowing us the opportunity to speak at your church about Royal Family Kids Camp. Thank you also for the noisy can collection. We are blown away with the support! Thank you all so much! God Bless Director Sam Holm

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, October 19

9am Worship with Communion
4pm Contemporary Worship
5pm Confirmation

Wednesday, October 22nd

6pm Worship Wednesdays

Sunday, October 26th

9am Worship with Communion
4pm Contemporary Worship
5pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance September 28th

9am 28

4pm 13

5 Home Visits

Offering: **10/125/2025**

Current: \$9065

Benevolence: \$260

Improvement: \$250

LWR \$100

Youth \$100

Knight of Columbus \$31

Current Balance as of 8/31/25

Checking: \$1,788.90

Savings:\$32,876.36

Improvement \$50,681.09

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Military members: Military members:

Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Karen Weltzin

Usher: Tom & Sue Hoey

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Keaton Lysne

Fellowship: Jan Rachuy

ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!

Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring or Sara Borland for more info.

